

**Indiana State Department of Health
Health Care Regulatory Services Commission
Division of Long Term Care**

Division Overview

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is responsible for licensing Indiana health care facilities. The Division of Long Term Care is the licensing authority for long term care facilities. Nursing homes (referred to in the administrative rules as a comprehensive care facility) and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR) are examples of long term care facilities. A complete list of Division of Long Term Care programs is listed below.

The Division of Long Term Care serves three primary purposes. First, the Division provides leadership on health care quality issues relating to long term care. Second, the Division provides leadership and support for agency public health initiatives in coordination with long term care facilities. Third, the Division protects Indiana citizens through health care regulations designed to promote and ensure quality of care at long term care facilities.

The ISDH is the state healthcare survey agency. The Division of Long Term Care is responsible for surveying long term care facilities for compliance with Indiana health care facility licensure rules. The ISDH is also the state survey agency for Medicare/Medicaid certification programs and conducts certification surveys for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Division of Long Term Care investigates all complaints that are received regarding compliance issues in licensed health care facilities and in certified intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded..